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# KANSAS CITY PEONY GARDENS

## THE IRIS

### DESCRIPTIVE PRICE LIST

(Also called German Iris. These are the "flags" of our grandmothers  
These are also the historic Fleur de Lis of France.

Iris has not the pomp and barbaric splendor of the "Oriental Poppy," nor the bold mass effect seen in huge peonies; but for variety of color, form and expression, no flower approaches it. There are thousands of varieties and among these at least a hundred which command the highest admiration.

No flower has such a variety of gleaming rainbow colors. They range in height from four inches to four feet.

Iris is pre-eminent the lazy man's flower. It takes less work, stands more neglect, and gives the biggest returns for the least labor of any flower known. Has no enemy except water standing on the roots. Any soil is good enough. It is as hardy as a dandelion and needs no protection. Just plant it. That's all. Then go out for twenty years and cut flowers.

The colors are infinite in their variety.

There are a great many subdivisions and classifications of iris designated by jaw-breaking names. We have made a simpler classification according to color which should prove helpful to a purchaser.

The Iris has a peculiar growth, multiplying by extension of root stocks, which throw out branches. The old root-stock, is sometimes called a hand and the new branches fingers.

#### SIZE OF PLANTS.

The prices here given are, except as indicated in the last part, for a plant consisting of two fingers, when possible; and, when not, of two detached fingers. Iris may be planted at any time, but very early spring, or late summer planting is best.

#### PRICES.

Those priced at 15c each are \$1.50 per dozen.  
Those priced at 25c each are \$3.00 per dozen,  
and those at 35c each are \$3.50 per dozen. Six  
of any sort at dozen rates.

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## CULTURE.

The planting is shallow, merely covering the roots two inches and almost any soil if well drained is good enough. The roots rot if water stands on the plants too long. For a hot, dry climate the Iris surpasses all other perennials.

## TEKMS.

Pay after you get the plants in good condition. While every Iris in the following lists is good and worth while we have marked with an asterisk (\*) many varieties, each of which has some distinct and outstanding charm, individuality or effectiveness.

## SELECTIVE LIST.

Out of hundreds of Iris we have selected the following list as representing the leaders of the various groups, including the greatest possible variety of color and form.

In the following description S. means Standards, upper petals which stand erect and F. means Falls, the lower hanging petals.

The eight divisions following are classified according to color:

### FIRST DIVISION.

Both Standards and Fall shades of blue, violet and purple.

**Australis** (Ger.). S. deep lavender. F. soft blue, very tall, large, handsome and rare. 35c.

**\*Common Blue Flag**. S. purplish blue. F. purple. The earliest. 15c.

**\*Kochii**. Syn. Black Prince-Altro-purpea. Early large flower. Both S. and F. a unique rich royal purple. The finest early purple. 26 in., 25c.

**Kharput**. S. Violet. F. velvety violet purple. Large flower. 30 in., 35c.

**Madriliseae**. Lavender purple, large and handsome. Early, 3 ft., 25c.

**Plumerei**. S. and F. reddish purple. Tall and late. Very effective. 30 in., 15c.

**Purple King**. Full purple. 25c.

**Timea**. S. and F. light lavender, shaded lilac. 3 ft., 25c.

**Walnerei**. S. lavender. F. purple lilac. A fine sort. 30 in., 35c.

**\*Walhalla**. S. lavender blue. F. violet purple. Showy. A very fine sort. 2 ft., 35c.

### SECOND DIVISION.

Standards of various shades of yellow.

**\*Aurea** (Californica). S. and F. rich crome yellow. Large flowers of perfect form. Considered by many the finest all-yellow. 2 ft., 25c

**\*Darius**. S. rich canary. F. lilac, margined white. Distinct. 25c.

**Flavescens** (Unclassified). A delicate shade of light yellow. Valued for cutting. 30 in., 15c.

**Florida** (Dwarf Bearded). S. citron yellow. F. deeper yellow. 18 in., 25c.

**Gypsy Queen** (Syn. Prestidigeuse). S. old gold shaded smoked pearl. F. black-maroon net-veined light yellow. Late. 2 ft., 15c.

**Gracchus**. S. cream yellow. F. purple maroon, edged yellow. Early. 18 in., 25c.

**\*Hector**. S. soft clouded yellow. F. velvety black crimson. Very brilliant. 30 in., 25c.

**Maroi King**. F. rich golden yellow. S. velvety crimson edged gold. Brilliant. 18 in., 35c.

**Mars**. S. light lemon. F. light lemon, heavily striped purple. Very brilliant. 2 ft., 15c.

**\*Mrs. Neubronner**. S. and F. clear golden yellow. "Best solid yellow." 18 in., 35c.

**Pseudacorus** (Beardless). Yellow Water Flag. Brightest yellow and thrives in water, or in the garden. Should be planted deeper than German Iris. 3 ft., 25c.

**Sans Souci** (Syn. Honorablis) (Var.). S. golden yellow. F. rich mahogany brown. Rather dwarf. 18 in., 15c.

**Venus** (Var.). S. clouded yellow. F. crimson and white. 2 ft., 15c.

### THIRD DIVISION.

#### (Picata)

**Standards and Falls white**. Frilled and edged blue, lavender or lilac.

**Agnes** (Pl.). S. white, frilled and shaded lilac. F. white ground traced lilac at base of claw. Great charm. 2 ft., 25c.

**Gazelle** (Syn. Delicatissima). Like Mad. Chereau, except lavender instead of blue. 25c.

**\*Mad. Chereau**. S. and F. white, elegantly frilled with a wide border of clear blue. Beautiful, tall. 3 ft., 25c.

**\*Parisiana**. White touched lavender. 25c

### FOURTH DIVISION.

Standards, or Falls, or both, generally lavender blue or pale violet especially in the lighter shade. As a class very attractive.

\***Albert Victor.** S. soft blue. F. fine lavender. Large. The only rival of *Pallida Dalmatica*. 40 in., 25c.

\***Brionese.** S. and F. light violet. Early. 2 ft., 25c.

\***Celeste.** Pale azure blue. Exquisite. 30 in., 25c.

**Ciengialti.** S. lavender blue. F. soft violet blue with yellow crest. 2 ft., 25c.

**Khediye.** Soft lavender with distinct orange beard. 15c.

\***Lohengrin.** S. and F. soft silvery violet mauve, shading nearly to white at claw. Tall, strong, 35c.

\***Pallida Dalmatica.** S. fine lavender. F. clear deep lavender, flower large and fine. The standard of excellence in Iris. 40 in., 35c.

### FIFTH DIVISION.

Standards and Falls, generally white or light tints.

\***Florentina.** Creamy white, faintly flushed lavender. The earliest tall bearded white. Blooms with common Blue Flag. 2 ft., 25c.

\***Mrs. H. Darwin.** S. and F. satin white with a little purple net-veining at the claw. Very delicate and interesting coloring. Extra, 25c.

**Ochroleuce** (*Orientalis Gigantea*, *Spuria*). The gold-banded Iris. Five feet. Large flowers, ivory white with orange blotch at base of F. Late. 25c.

### SIXTH DIVISION.

Shades approaching rose-pink and red.

**Her Majesty.** S. rose-pink, violet tints, F. deeper rose-veined a darker shade. 35c.

**Jacquesiana** (Syns. *Caroline de Sansel*, *Conscience*). S. bright coppery crimson. F. rich maroon. Distinct. 30 in., 35c.

**Mad. Paquette.** S. and F. bright rosy claret. Rich coloring. Early. 40 in., 25c.

\***Queen of May.** Soft rose lilac approaching pink. 32 in., 25c.

**Sambucina.** S. coppery rose. F. rosy purple, orange crest. 27 in., 25c.

## SEVENTH DIVISION PUMILLAS & PUMILLA CRIMEAN HYBRIDS.

A lady exclaimed, looking over a bed of various pumillas, "Aren't they just the darlingest little fellows." They bloom about 10 or 15 days before the earliest Tall Bearded Iris. Being quite dwarf, 4 to 10 inches in height, they are valuable as border in almost any situation. They multiply rapidly and are very floriferous. Their colors are rich and beautiful.

\***Atroviolacea.** Deep purple. 4 in., 25c.

**Coerulea.** Sky blue. Beautiful. 4 in., 25c.

**Common Pumillas.** S. violet blue. F. deep violet, purple. 4 in., 15c.

\***Luteo.** Creamy yellow. 9 in., 25c.

\***Cyanea.** Standard bright purple blue. F. dark purple, flaked lines radiating from the beard. Fine. 6 in., 25c.

**Gracilis.** Silver gray shot with pale purple and sulphur. Early. 25c.

**Novae Candidae.** Light creamy yellow. 10 in., 25c.

**Mrs. M. H. White** (Balcing). S. and F. sulphur flaked purple. 9 in., 25c.

\***Scheekuppe.** Large white. 50c.

## EIGHTH DIVISION. SIBERIAN IRIS.

Farr calls these the "most delicate and elegant of all the small flowered Iris." Narrow grassy foliage, tall stems, in white and beautiful shades of blue. Fine for cutting. Auten says "Severely decorative and much more aristocratic than German Iris." Late, following German Iris. The Siberian Iris calls for rather deep planting and more moisture than does German Iris. Each plant we send out will have from 3 to 5 grassy shoots or stalks which should bloom the first season if planted in early spring.

**Acuta.** S. and F. Deep indigo blue. F. has brown throat with fan shaped white veining. Very interesting. 2 ft., 25c.

\***Blue King.** A very fine sort. Clear blue. Found by Peter Barr in Japan. 25c.

**Corean.** S. and F. violet purple. Lighter than *Acuta*. A slightly yellowish brown throat down center of F. veined white. Exquisite details. 50c.

**Distinction.** S. violet blue. F. white, freely veined and tipped blue. Tall. 25c.

**\*Superba.** Rich velvety purple. Deepest color of any of the Siberians. 25c.

**\*Snow Queen.** Pure white. 25c.

### COLLECTIONS.

For the benefit of those who have not the time nor the inclination to study varieties we have made up three collections which represent, in our experience, the most merit for the price, including the widest range of colors and form and the earliest and latest bloomers. Delivered free by parcel post.

#### COLLECTION NO. 1.

- 1 Pumilla. Violet. Very early.
  - 1 Common Blue Flag. Early.
  - 1 Florentina. Early. White.
  - 1 Queen of May. Pink.
  - 1 Plumerel. Claret purple.
  - 1 Mad. Chereau. White-edged blue.
  - 1 Flavescens. Light lemon.
  - 1 Grachus. Creamy yellow and maroon.
  - 1 Sans Souci. Yellow and mahogany. Late.
- And 3 other good sorts of our selection. The 12 plants (24 fingers) \$2.00.

#### COLLECTION NO. 2.

- 1 Pallida Dalmatica. Lavender.
  - 1 Celeste. Azure blue.
  - 1 Kochii. Rich black purple.
  - 1 Mad. Pacquette. Near-pink.
  - 1 Hector. S. soft yellow. F. maroon.
  - 1 Mad. Chereau. White edged porcelain blue.
  - 1 Gypsy Queen. S. old gold. F. maroon.
  - 1 Gazelle. White-edged lavender.
  - 1 Aurea. Chrome yellow.
  - 1 Pumilla. Atroviolacea.
  - 1 Stylosa. Innocens. Late white.
  - 1 Superba (Siberian). Blue.
  - 1 Rhein Nixe.
- The 12 plants (24 fingers) \$2.50.

#### COLLECTION NO. 3.

- 1 Pallida Dalmatica. Lavender. Late.
- 1 Brionese. Lavender. Early.
- 1 Aurea. Golden yellow.

- 1 Prosper Laughier. An improved Jacquesiana.
  - 1 Mrs. H. Darwin. Satin white, purple touches.
  - 1 Walhalla. S. lavender. F. purple.
  - 1 Her Majesty. Shades of deep rose-pink.
  - 1 Darius. Yellow and lilac.
  - 1 Blue King (Siberian).
  - 1 Gertrude. Fine solid blue.
  - 1 Snow Queen (Siberian).
  - 1 Pumilla Lutea. Yellow.
  - 1 Pumilla Atroviolacea. Dark violet.
  - 1 Rhein Nixe. S. White. F. raspberry purple.
- The 12 (24 fingers) for \$3.50.

Collections Nos. 1 and 3 together give a great variety of form and color. Two substitutions of same price may be made in any collections.

### PURCHASES SINCE 1919.

The prices are for good strong single finger plants.

**Alcazar.** S. violet tinged bronze. F. ruby red. 3 ft.

**Archevique.** S. purple violet. F. deep velvety violet purple. 2 ft. 50c.

**Arnols** (Sp.). S. rose-bronze. F. velvety purple. 30 in. 25c.

**\*Albatross.** White, blue and purple markings. 35c.

**Apollyon.** S. bronze yellow. F. crimson madder. 25c.

**Aurea** (Spuria). Deep golden yellow. 35c.

**Aurora** (Foster). 3 ft. Pale pink shaded lavender. Beautiful. 50c.

**Astarte.** Pink-lilac and violet. 25c.

**Ambassadeur** (Dennis). Reddish violet. Large flowers, tall. \$10.00.

**Black Prince** (Black Knight). S. intense violet blue. F. velvety purple. Very late. \$1.00.

**\*Blue Jay** (Farr). S. clear blue. F. dark blue. 30 in., 50c.

**Bridesmaid** (Plicata). S. white shaded lilac. F. frilled soft lilac. 25c.

**Blue Boy** (Foster). Distinct shades of blue. 75c.

**Caprice.** Shades of rose-red. 2 ft., 25c.

**Crimson King.** Claret-purple. 25c.

**\*Caterina** (Foster). S. light blue. F. soft lilac blue. Fragrant. 50c.



\***Crusader** (Foster). S. light violet blue. F. deeper shade. Intense color. \$2.00.

**Carthusian**. Clear lavender blue. 75c.

\***Clarence Wedge** (Freyer). S. heliotrope and yellow. F. purple. Orange beard. 50c.

**Chester Hunt** (Farr). S. light blue. F. dark blue. 50c.

\***Ciengialti**. S. lavender blue. F. violet blue. yellow crest. 2 ft., 25c.

**Ciengialti Lopplo**. Clear blue. 18 in., 25c.

\***Dorothea**. Porcelain white-tinged lilac. 2 ft., 25c.

**Dr. Bernice**. S. bronze. F. velvety crimson. 35c.

**Ed. Michel**. S. rosy mauve. F. deeper mauve. Large. \$1.50.

\***El Dorado** (Vilmorin). Yellowish bronze and violet purple. Unusual color scheme. 30 in., 35c.

**Flavescens Minute**. S. chamois yellow. F. primrose, marked lavender. 25c.

**Foster's Yellow**. S. and F. cream yellow. 25c.

**Firmament** (Groschner). Blue and purple. Big and fine. Early. \$1.50.

**Fragrantissima**. A big, fragrant purple sort. 15c.

\***Fro**. S. yellow. F. mahogany. 50c.

\***Fritjof**. Lavender and purple. 18 in. 35c.

\***Fairy**. White bordered, soft blue. 30 in., 25c.

**Gagus**. S. straw yellow. F. wine, yellow edge. 35c.

**Gloire de Hillegom**. Clear light blue. Tall. 25c.

**Geo. Wallace**. Siberian. Azure blue, white markings. 35c.

\***Gertrude**. S. and F. same shade violet blue. 50c.

\***Helge**. S. and F. lemon yellow. 18 in., 25c.

**Helen Mohr**. A very fragrant purple. 15c.

\***Hafdan**. Creamy white. Large flowers. 18 in. Early. 25c.

**Hannibal**. S. lavender. F. purple. 25c.

**Hetranth**. Purple, changing to lavender. 25c.

**Innocenza**. S. and F. white. Gold crest. 25c.

\***Ingeborg**. Pure white, large. 18 in., 25c.

\***Isolene**. S. lilac. F. mauve, orange beard. Sometimes called "Imperial Mandarin," 50c.

**Johann de Witte**. S. lavender. F. purple. 25c.

**Japonica**. Early dwarf blue flag. 15c.

**Josephine**. Pure white, dwarf. 15c.

**Jeanne d'Arc**. White-tinted blue and lavender. 25c.

\***Juniata** (Farr). S. clear blue, large, tall, fragrant. 50c.

\***Koenig** (Syn. King of Iris). S. clear lemon. F. maroon-edged yellow. 35c.

\***Loreley**. S. deep canary. F. ultra-marine blue bordered white, brilliant. 35c.

**Lurida**. Purplish copper. Rich color. 35c.

**Lady Lilford** (Foster). S. deep violet purple. F. black purple. \$1.00.

**Lent A. Williamson**. S. broad violet. F. large velvety purple. A new American sensation. Price on application.

\***Lord of June** (Yeld). S. lavender blue. F. violet blue. Large flower. 40 in. Fine English novelty. \$3.00.

**La Neige** (Verdier). A beautiful white, rather dwarf. 75c.

**Lord Grey**. S. soft fawn. F. fawn and red. 25c.

**Lavender Queen**. Pure lavender, medium height. Very late. Fine for borders. Per dozen 75c. 10c.

**Monspur**. Violet blue. Tall. 25c.

\***Ma Mie**. An improved Mad. Chereau. The finest Plicata. 50c.

\***Miss Wilmott** (Foster.) (Syn. Cashmere White). White, sometimes washed lavender. \$1.50.

\***Mithras**. S. light yellow. F. wine-red. 25c.

\***Mrs. G. Darwin**. S. white. F. white, net-veined. gold and violet. 35c.

\***Mrs. Alan Gray**. Pale rose-mauve. 25c.

**Monsignor**. S. satiny violet. F. purple crimson. 35c.

**Mauvine**. Mauve lavender. Distinct. 75c.

**Miss Eardley**. S. yellow. F. reddish-purple. Brilliant. 35c.

\***Mad. Blanche Pion**. S. bronze yellow. F. purple. 25c.

**Mary Garden**. Pale lavender and white. 50c.

**Neuee d'Orange**. Gray and bronze-purple. 50c.



- Nine Wells** (Foster). S. light violet. F. deep violet. Late. 50c.
- Oriflame**. S. light blue. F. violet purple. Large bloom. 75c.
- Orange Queen**. Orange yellow. 35c.
- Othello** (Syn. Sappho. Neg.). S. blue. F. purple. 30 in. 25c.
- \*Pallida Folia Variegata**. Lavender flowers. Variegated foliage. 50c.
- \*Pare Neuilly**. Plum-purple. 50c.
- \*Pfaenauge** (Peacock's Eye). S. olive gold. F. shading from gold to plum. 50c.
- Patience** (Foster). S. gray mauve. F. deep purple. Very late. 35c.
- Pallida Speciosa**. Similar to Pal. Dal., but taller. 35c.
- Pauline**. Pansy-violet. 35c.
- \*Princess Victoria Louise**. S. light yellow, F. plum. Brilliant. 35c.
- Paxatawney**. Similar to Quaker Lady. 25c.
- \*Prosper Laugier**. S. brilliant bronze. F. pansy-purple. Bold, brilliant. 30 in., 50c.
- Queen Flavia**. Primrose yellow. Large bloom. 35c.
- \*Queen Alexandra**. Antique bronze, old gold and burnt purple. Unusual. 50c.
- Quaker Lady**. Smoky lavender blue and old gold. 75c.
- \*Rhein Nixe**. S. pure white. F. raspberry purple, edged white. Finest iris with white standards and purple falls. 50c.
- \*Rose Unique**. S. and F. violet rose. 25c.
- Siwas**. S. violet blue. F. violet black. 30 in., 25c.
- \*Sherwin Wright**. Golden yellow. Free flowering. 35c.
- Sincerity** (Yeld). Deep mauve-pink. 50c.
- Sarah** (Foster). Pearl-white. Early. 35c.
- Stewart's Prolific**. Yellow. Dwarf. 25c.
- \*Thorbecke**. White shaded violet. 25c.
- Tamerlane**. Violet. \$1.00.
- Thor**. S. White. F. deep purple. Late. 50c.
- Tinea** (Clio). Blue-shaded lilac. Fine. 35c.
- Trojana**. S. pale blue. F. long purple. Tall. 25c.
- Trautleib**. Lavender. Rather dwarf. 25c.
- \*Violacae Grandiflora**. Violet blue. 25c.
- Versicolor**. 3 varieties. Light blue, violet and milk white. Each, 25c.
- Virginia Moore**. Color lemon-yellow. The last word in Yellow Iris. \$3.00.
- Wyomissing**. Flesh to lilac pink. 75c.
- White Knight** (Saunders). Pure white. \$1.00.
- Zua**. A dwarfish lavender-white, crimped like crepe. The most original and distinct of any novelty of the last 10 years. \$1.50.
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- The alphabetical list named as purchased since 1919 have been carefully selected on recommendation of high-class experts as their writings have appeared in the publications of the American Iris Society, including such authorities as John C. Wister President American Iris Society; Wm. S. Johnson, H. W. Groschner, R. S. Sturtevant and many others. These additions make our collections very valuable and complete.
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